

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In response to the Final Office Action, dated August 4, 2009, and the Advisory Action, dated November 2, 2009, indicating that the response filed on October 4, 2009, was not entered, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 canceling claims 9-12, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein to place this application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated over the phone on November 5, 2009, that canceling claims 9-12 and amending claims 5 and 6 to overcome the indefiniteness rejection would place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for rejoining claim 8 and indicating that claims 1-4, 7, and 8 are allowable in the Final Office Action, dated August 4, 2009. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to place the claims in proper dependent form. The amendments to claims 5 and 6 do not introduce prohibited new matter. Claims 9-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein as suggested by the Examiner over the phone on November 5, 2009. Accordingly, after entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1-8 should be deemed allowable and the application should be in condition for allowance.

Since the amendments to the claims are limited to placing the application in condition for allowance, and since the amendments to the claims do not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment (MPEP 714.03(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2)(C)).

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to correct the inadvertent errors in these claims. Thus, these claims do not lack antecedent basis and are definite.

Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments,

reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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